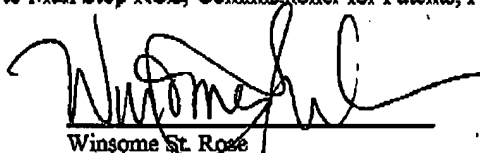


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Sir:

In response to the Final Action mailed January 7, 2005 ("Final Action") and the Advisory Action mailed March 30, 2005, Applicants request continued examination of the application. Applicants request non-entry of the un-entered after-final amendments submitted by the Applicants on March 7, 2005. Applicants request entry of the following RCE submission including amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 4 of this paper.